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Titusville, New Jersey 08560

Dear [REDACTED]

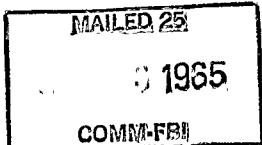
Your letter of October 1st has been received, and the concern which prompted you to write is understandable. I was glad to learn of your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit," and that you found it helpful. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. A copy may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. In addition, this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Our Heritage of Greatness

April 1961 LEB Intro

April 1962 LEB Intro

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

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[Redacted]
Titusville, N. J.

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau Investigation

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Dear Sir,

I would like to start this letter by giving you a brief description of myself.

I am [redacted] years old and a Veteran of the U. S. Army and Coast Guard. I served in Korea and I love my country deeply. I have [redacted] children, own my own home, though a modest one. I quit school at the age of [redacted] but worked on my own and finally got a high school diploma on my own time at night.

When I became old enough to vote I started to take an active interest in the political and ideological aspects of our country.

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I respect your opinion and would withdraw from the society on your recomendation.

Respectfully

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Address per envelope:

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 10-4-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM/gm*

SUBJECT: QUOTATION ATTRIBUTED TO THE DIRECTOR
CONCERNING THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS
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Captioned newspaper under the heading "Don't Bother to Call" told of the reaction to Senator Thruston B. Morton's (Republican-Kentucky) charge that the Birch Society is as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and the Communist Party (CP). John Rousset, Public Relations Director of the Society, claimed one need only to telephone Director Hoover in order to learn the Society is in no way similar to the KKK or the CP. The News said they did this and obtained no comment from the FBI while the local Society Chapter cited the California Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities as saying that Mr. Hoover replied the FBI had not investigated the Society because it investigated only subversive organizations. The Director noted, "Just what did I reply? H."

BUFILES:

Bufiles reflect no specific indication that Mr. Hoover ever made the statement as reported. The California Senate Committee Report (above) for 1965, reflects the statement that the FBI had not investigated the Society for the Bureau only investigated subversive organizations. Perhaps, this is the source for this quotation. This 1965 report updated their 1963 report which concluded there was no subversive connotation to the Society.

Rousset is known in Bufiles as a former young Congressman who concealed his membership in the Society while making inquiries of Bureau officials concerning it. Our relations with him were guarded and subsequently he became Director of Public Relations for the Society. During November, 1964, after Mr. Hoover was widely quoted concerning the Society, Rousset telephoned for confirmation. He was told by outgoing 12-10-64, that the FBI had never investigated the Society and that the reason Mr. Hoover had no respect for its head was the linking of the names of former President Eisenhower and others with communism.

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The Society's head, Robert Welch, was also written at that time and told of Mr. Hoover's personal reasons for having no respect for him and that we had not investigated the Society. 15 OCT 8 1965

1 - Mr. Belmont

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Morrell to DeLoach Memo
Re: Quotation attributed to the Director

BUREAU POLICY:

This issue was the subject of many inquiries at that time and Bureau policy repeatedly told of the confidential nature of data in our files followed by the terse statement that it had not been investigated. If a reference was made to Mr. Welch, a simple statement as to why Mr. Hoover had no respect was related.

However, in no case did the FBI or a spokesman for the Bureau state the reason for not investigating the John Birch Society relied upon its not being subversive.

Contrary to the above, however, the Department over Assistant Attorney General Yeagley's title was telling citizens why the Birch Society was not to be considered in the same category as the KKK. A concluding paragraph to their outgoing communications alluded to the Director's press conference on 11-18-64, and quoted Mr. Hoover as saying, "We have not investigated the Society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities." Again, this could be the source of the quotation attributed to Mr. Hoover.

OBSERVATIONS:

While the FBI has continually emphasised the confidential nature of data appearing in our files followed by the flat statement that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society, some individuals including officials of the Department have added the apparent sequel thought that it has not been investigated because it is not subversive. Under our responsibilities in the internal security field this in effect is what is transpiring, that is, that since we have not investigated it, no data of substance has been brought to our attention indicating subversive connections. This becomes a moot question and the Bureau would be placed in an embarrassing position to deny a statement apparently released readily by the Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Sept 18 1965

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages 24363-24364. Senator McGovern, (D) South Dakota, advised that "Yesterday I received a letter from an organization which calls itself the Americanism Educational League, under the signature of former FBI counterspy Herbert Philbrick, soliciting tax-deductible contributions to finance the distribution on college campuses of 500, 000 copies of John Stormer's propaganda trash, 'None Dare Call It Treason.' - - - - I fail to understand why an organization such as the Americanism Educational League which engages in this kind of outright political propaganda should enjoy a Federal tax exemption. Why should other taxpayers subsidize the operations of this radical political outfit? I urge officials of the Internal Revenue Service to take immediate action to remedy this situation." He placed in the Record Mr. Philbrick's letter; an article from the Washington Post written by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak, which discusses this latest propaganda project of the radical right; and an editorial from the Minneapolis Tribune condemning the destructive tactics and strategy of the John Birch Society.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Sept 18 1965, was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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67-104401-2666

October 6, 1965

New Richmond, Indiana.

Dear

Your letter of September 30th, with enclosures, has been received.

Based upon the data you have furnished, this Bureau has no record of a person by the name you mentioned as ever having been an employee of the FBI. You may be assured, however, that this Bureau is not infiltrated by any group which advocates policies contrary to the principles of this Nation.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment specifically as you have indicated. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

In connection with these matters, I have commented generally regarding the need for opposing communism rationally and intelligently. Our efforts to deal effectively with this subversive menace are not enhanced by those of the extreme right who tend to affix the communist label without intelligent analysis, or by those of the extreme left who endeavor to minimize the real danger of communism. In speaking of the extreme right, I refer to those individuals who would violate our laws to obtain their objectives. I consider them as lacking in true Americanism as those of the extreme left who would also violate our laws to achieve their own ends.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. One [redacted]
[redacted] who was born in South Bend, Indiana EOD [redacted] and resigned
[redacted] He was employed in a clerical capacity at the Seat of Government.
While more than likely it is not the individual mentioned by the correspondent,
the above reply is being phrased in order to avoid any embarrassment
should this former employee be the person indicated.

Enclosures

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
"Our Heritage of Greatness"

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

New Richmond, Indiana
September 30, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Our community of New Richmond, Indiana and Linden, Indiana in Montgomery County has been flooded lately with propaganda concerning the John Birch Society. It has been like a cancerous growth spreading out and taking in new members. The growth of this organization is definitely a threat to our freedom and liberty. I understand the John Birch Society has taken in other communities in Indiana which seems to me it is definitely the aim of the organization to take over the state of Indiana and eventually the nation.

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A man who has been giving speeches in this community against communism, but is very friendly with known members of the John Birch Society, is named [redacted]. He claims to have been employed by the F.B.I. until it (F.B.I.) became infiltrated with communists at which time he resigned. Is this true? He also claimed to have been an interpreter for the U.N. in about 1954, but the U.N. too was communistic. Do you have any data on this man?

An article in the September Farmers Union Newsletter stated Ezra Taft Benson's son had opened offices in Washington, D.C. to further the John Birch Society's efforts in getting the U.S. out of the U.N. and to impeach Earl Warren. In my opinion this association is a threat to our nation, so how can they be permitted to locate their headquarters in the heart of our capitol? I fully approve of the freedom of speech and press, but when organizations of this type use it as a weapon against the United States, can't something be done to counteract it? To hide behind the fifth amendment, proves to me an individual or organization has something to hide. Otherwise any and all questions could be answered.

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I am enclosing literature which every person in the community of Linden and New Richmond received in today's mail. If we could have definite true answers to the questions the John Birch Society has listed, then we could fight fire with fire. I believe the truth is our only weapon, and if we can answer questions with a true answer to the members and prospective members of the John Birch Society, perhaps then we will be able to kill the growth of this cell. Any information you can give me on how to organize my community against this organization will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to our two small communities, the John Birch Society has penetrated into the county governmental operations under the name of "State Board of Tax Commissioners", and they filibuster at any county plans for progress under this pretense of trying to save the taxpayers money. Another name they operate under in Indianapolis, Indiana is the "American Opinion Library" 1514 North Pennsylvania Street from which they broadcast messages attacking the P.T.A. under the name "Let Freedom Ring."

I firmly believe these extremists are as dangerous a threat to the United States as are the communists. Will you please answer my request for information to combat this organization? Any advise concerning this will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



New Richmond, Indiana

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October 8, 1965

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[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 5th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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[redacted]
Philadelphia, Penna.
October 5, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently become interested in
the local chapter of the John Birch Society.
However, many people have told me that it is
a subversive organization.

The reason I became interested is
the growing threat of communism in our country.
This organization seems to be the only one
doing anything about it.

Would you please give me your honest
opinion of the John Birch Society and if you
think it is a worthwhile group to join.

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Sincerely, 62-104401-2667

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Philadelphia, Penna.

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Johnson Bible College
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Knoxville, Tennessee

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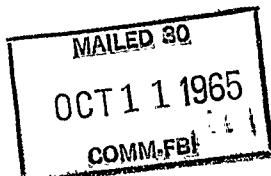
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J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir,

Recently I was approached by an individual to join the John Birch Society. It was suggested to me that this organization was "patriotic" in nature and for the cause of our government. Since this is such a controversial group I thought that it may be advisable to contact the F.B.I. for suggestions to the advisability and quality of this organization. I have heard that it was not "for the betterment of the U.S.A.". I have also been told that it is infiltrated with communists.

Also include some information as to the communist activity in the World Council of Churches, if any. I would appreciate your view on these subjects.

Thank you,

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Sen. Thruston B. Morton's charge that the Birch Society is "as dangerous as the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist Party" drew this intriguing retort yesterday from the Society's public relations director, John Rousselot:

"All Sen. Morton has to do is pick up the phone and talk to J. Edgar Hoover to learn the John Birch Society is in no way similar to the Ku Klux Klan or the Communist Party," said Mr. Rousselot.

Well, the Washington Daily News took the tip, called the FBI and got "no comment."

The local John Birch chapter was more helpful, however, and cited a recent report by the California Senate Factfinding Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities stating that Mr. Hoover, when asked whether or not the FBI had investigated the Society, replied it had not because it investigates only subversive organizations.

NAME OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The Washington Post and Times Herald
 The Washington Daily News
 The Evening Star
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 The New York Times
 The Baltimore Sun
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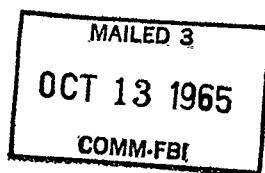
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October 6, 1965

To: J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently, an editorial appeared in our local newspaper the, "Lafayette Journal and Courier." The editorial aroused my interest in writing you and hoping for a truthful answer from the F. B. I., is why I'm writing you.

The editorial was talking about the John Birch Society, where remarks were made in reference to the society that our editor said, the John Birch Society was as dangerous as the Communist Party and the Ku Klux Klan.

From all I have heard, this is so far from the truth, that I decided to get the complete information from a source that is our most reliable here in the U. S. A.

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Thank You,



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West Lafayette, Indiana

ADDRESS PER ENVELOPE:



West Lafayette, Indiana 47906

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October 6, 1965

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Thank you.

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West Lafayette, Indiana, 47906

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October 13, 1965

Eden, Wisconsin 53019

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Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Eden, Wis. 53019

Phone [REDACTED] 10-8-65

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I have recently finished reading the books "The Naked Communist" by Skousen & "None Dare Call it Treason" by John A. Stormer. I find I am very disturbed - if what these men write is basically correct - excusing them a few factual deviations - there should be more Americans exposed in some way to what is going on.

Would you please answer the following questions for me.

1. Are these books basically correct? If so I want to distribute copies in the community.
2. Is the John Birch Society the type of organization a truly patriotic American should belong to?

I appeal to you because I feel I will get the most unbiased opinion from a true American.

Thank you,

Sincerely

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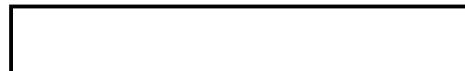
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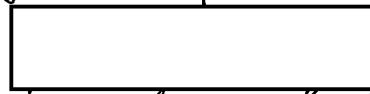
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Correspondence

October 13, 1965

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52-104401-2672

[redacted]
Los Angeles 27, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 4th has been received. The interest which prompted you to write to me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. One [redacted] of Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, was listed as a member of the Federation of American Scientists during 1947. This organization was the subject of an Internal Security-C investigation at that time.

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Los Angeles 27, Calif.
October 4, 1965.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a member of a family whose nine children have been raised to be sound solid Americans. Both my father and mother came from Denmark over one hundred years ago. We were all raised to believe in God and to become PATRIOTIC American Citizens, and always ready to give our life, if necessary to save America.

This, I am sure, my whole family has done.

I think the worst evil to strike us is Communism and for a few years have been a member of the John Birch Society. I am now being criticised by certain left wing people and the left wing groups for belonging to the Society.

Could you please advise me if in your files you have any information to the effect that this group are subversive, have left wing tendencies towards communism or is it a sound thing to help the United states.

Sincerely yours,

Los Angeles 27, Calif.

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1 CORRESPONDENCE

October 12, 1965

REC-108

62-104411-2673

Harrison, New Jersey 07029

Dear

Your letter of October 7th has been received.

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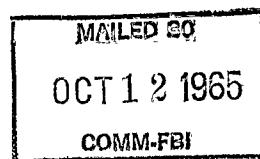
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Harrison, New Jersey
October 7, 1965

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs;

I am [REDACTED] in Harrison High School, Harrison, New Jersey. My United States History One teacher has requested me to submit a report on the John Birch Society. This will be an oral report, of a minimum of forty minutes, which will be presented to the members of my class.

I would appreciate immensely any information that you might be able to send me. We are allowed to use any means at our disposal to make our reports clearer. Perhaps, you may be able to suggest a source of further information which I might explore.



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Sincerely yours,



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October 12, 1965

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EX-112

[Redacted]
La Mirada, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter was received on October 8th.

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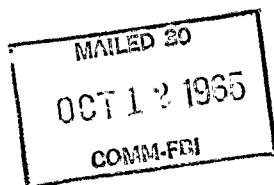
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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La Mirada, Calif.

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J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Sir.

I am writing to you. in hopes that you might be able to help me to obtain some information. For quite some time now, I have been concerned about some of the things I have been reading about the "John Birch Society" most of them very unfavorable. Some people say it is as great of a threat as communism. On the other hand I have talked to people that leave me with the impression that this organization is dedicated to fight communism by means of education.

It seem what I have been getting is, either from in the news/^{print} or by word of mouth.

I would like to know if the "John Birch Society" is a subversive organization and if there is any information, concerning this organization, available to the general public from your office,

If not could you advise me of any Federal or investigative agency or committee, that could give a citizen a report or investigative findings, or any information regarding the "John Birch Society".

Thank you very much for your time. An answer would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



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J. EDGAR HOOVER
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END IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION, CONCERNING THIS ORGANIZATION, AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM YOUR OFFICE.

IF NOT COULD YOU ADVISE ME OF ANY FEDERAL OR INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY OR COMMITTEE, THAT COULD GIVE A CITIZEN A REPORT OR INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS, OR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY".
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. AN ANSWER WOULD BE GREATLY APPRICIATED.

Respectfully,



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AIRMAIL

EX-112

Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 6th, with enclosure, has been received. I am pleased that you have read "Masters of Deceit," Perhaps you will also want to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism." This was written to furnish readers an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: We have had one prior outgoing to [redacted] on 7-15-65, and she was not identifiable in Bufiles at that time. This letter is addressed as the signature on the incoming in spite of that shown on the envelope. Her self-addressed envelope is being utilized in reply. This envelope shows the above zip code.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20000

October 6, 1965

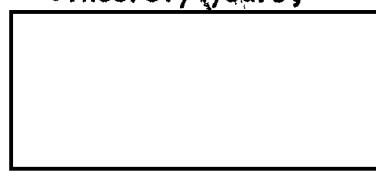
Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is about the John Birch Society. Since 1960 I have been reading much of their literature with interest but this slowly turned to suspicion. After reading your book entitled: MASTER'S OF DECEIT, I have found them to be equal to the Communist Party. What is your attitude toward the John Birch Society as an effective force against Communism? Please answer this question.

It had occurred to me, Mr. Hoover, that perhaps the Communist Party thought they could sway the American people to their way of thinking by organizing a society which purported to fight communism while in fact it was aiming at the Federal Government by putting doubt and fear in the minds of its members toward their governmental officials. On page 100 of your book you mentioned with regards to communistic tactics: "Any device that will advance its cause is urgently pursued." Why wouldn't this form of reverse psychology work in behalf of the Comintern to eventually force the people to revolt against their government? Certainly Mr. Welch is against everything this country stands for, but he has yet to make an intelligent statement on how to cope with any one of the many things he wishes to abolish from the United Nations to the Federal Income Tax.

If I might make a suggestion, Mr. Hoover, it would be to investigate this group a bit more thoroughly, then make a report of your findings to the American people. I know that the Birchites make much use of the fact that they have been investigated by a Senate Committee and came out of it with flying colors; but let us not lose sight of the fact that Jimmy Hoffa has been investigated twice by Senate Committees and twice he came out smelling like a field of carnations in full bloom.

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Sincerely yours,



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October 13, 1965

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EX-101

Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of October 7th, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

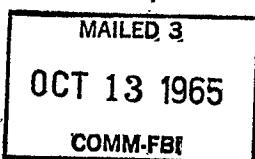
In connection with the matters you mentioned, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to be of help in this instance. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

"Our Heritage of Greatness"

"Let's Fight Communism Sanely!"

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She is concerned about the eventual welfare of her [redacted] son particularly after reading "None Dare Call It Treason." She has been involved with the John Birch Society and has found it to be a substantial organization despite the criticism which has been directed against it. She wonders whether she has done right in joining the Society. The above reply, although not answering many of the points she raises, is deemed to be appropriate in this instance.

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[redacted]
Philadelphia, Mississippi
September 26, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have a great respect for the laws of these United States of America. I sincerely hope and pray that our Republic will always live. Long live America --- long live freedom.

My fears are great and my prayers are many for our Republic. It is almost as though I can feel the evil hands of a Communist government reaching down to destroy our great republic. God have mercy on us.

Tomorrow my son will be [redacted] years old. I wish I could be assured of him enjoying the same free way of life that I have enjoyed as a child and young person. I wish I knew he could rear his children in a free republic- I will teach my son to respect his national heritage and to understand God and Country must be defended regardless of how great the Cost. When (If the world should stand that long) he enters College I have taught him to respect the Holy Bible and the American flag to where if Logic is still a required Course when the question is ask Which is better to spit on the Bible or American Flag he will refuse to answer and of course since you are required to check one of the above subjects he will flunk - but I shall be proud of him for doing so.

Last year God made it possible for us to buy a book "None Dare Call It Treason," Believe you me this book scared me half to death. I was unable to sleep for several nights after reading it. I'll tell you something else it put me on my knees and I mean to tell you I meant business when I was talking to God about my Country and our



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It was hard for me to find any one else with a concern for our future. Many of my friends were interested in having a good time or talking about their Church or their illness or watching T. V. but no one had time to read my book or to even want to become concerned with such nonsense as Communism. one person said "They will kill you first when they take over the government," Another said "You can't do any thing there is no need trying the Federal government wont let you" Another said I have enough to worry about and to think about besides thinking about Communism,"- At last I found a minister willing to read my book "None Dare Call It Treason", and he knew of a person in another city that belonged to the John Birch Society. We learned we would need at least six people to begin a chapter-please believe me when I say it was a very hard job to find six people willing to join the Birch Society in my social circle.

In our Birch Society Library your book "Master of Deceit" is among the many good books available to use and it was indeed a great help to us.

You are a great Christian man and I have great respect for you and your work here in our Country. God is good to us the American people to let us have you in charge of our F. B. I. You deserve the greatest of medals because you have served our Country far beyond the call of duty. I know that God will continue to bless you and your reward will be great.

The reason for this letter is this Have I been wrong in joining the Birch Society. Was it wrong for me to have faith in Mr. Welsh? I believe him to be a great American, one who loves his country with a passion. Since so many people are afraid of the Society and some even tell me they believe we are a Communist Society I feel bad to write you for your personal advice, knowing you and your dept have records of most societies in our Country I feel you will tell me the truth.

Some reasons I am concerned in the Selma March. A Mrs. Nettie Adams wrote in an affidavit that she heard marchers

hollering and saying "We are Communist and we belong to the John Birch Society," Goodness I sure would not want to be any part of a Communist society. Another reason for my concern is a Senator George McGovern (Dem S. D) and the speech he recently delivered on the Senate floor about "the tactics of Birch Society and the "Radical Right," McGovern mailed a letter to "Labor" An International weekly Newspaper and an article reads "Blast Birch Society" Asserts Radical Rightists Aping Communist Tactics." And blast us he did. He really hit below the belt and it hurts too. I wonder if he was just dumb or if he was trying to deceive Labor. Any way they put his picture in the paper and printed a lots of lies. Unless of course I am the deceived one. I do not know how any person in America could want tax money to go to the U.N. and I can not understand why any person in America could be happy with the American flag being replaced by a U.N. and NATO flags in some of our U.S. Air Force recruiting posters this has actually happened. I am proud of the American flag. I believe in it and I think it is beautiful and should never take second place to a United Nations flag or a NATO flag. my son could say the pledge to the American flag before he learned to count to ten. We required him to learn to do so.

I found new hope for our republic through the Birch Society and I believe Mr. Robert Welsh to be a great man among men. Unless you give me reason to think otherwise I shall continue to have faith in Mr. Welsh and the Birch Society.

You will let me hear from you soon will you not? I know how busy you are but just one letter will let me know how you feel concerning the Birch Society. In my heart I know what your answer will be.

I want to serve my country and to serve it well. I will obey the laws of the land but, I will not like some of them. What ever I do I want it to be done right and always I will respect my trust in you as a honest Christian American man. I know you will help me in finding the truth.

Long may your life be and I pray for God to continue to bless you and use you so we can enjoying living in a good free American Republic.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

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P. S.

Sir people living here in my community seem to be fearful of the federal government and perhaps there is good reason to feel this fear yet I have always felt like we the people are the government and maybe I am wrong but the only way I know to protest something is to voice my opinion about the matter. Do we the people control our federal government or have we let some secret power slip in and gain control? I can not understand why The News press decided to black ball Miss. And give only one side stories. I can not understand why a race of people as small as 12% in America can demand and receive - break the laws of our land and go free - no trial no fine no nothing - I can not understand why abc - nbc news on marches ect always put these people in the right and turn the blame of the trouble on us Southern people. We sothern people are not Negro haters. I believe the Communists knew they would have to break the south before they could take control of our nation. I am proud to be a southern born person I have nothing to be ashamed of. I am glad my home is in Mississippi - true the National press and some other communications media have muddy marks across our great south land somehow Sir I just know you understand us and the reasons why we have been branded outlaws in our own country. I am sick and tired of us (the south) taking the larger part of the blame for the lawbreakers breaking the law - Can you help us? Can you help the American people to understand the true story about us and not to believe every thing they read in magazines like "Time," "Life," "Look" and "The Saturday Evening Post." I wonder does it increase their sales for them to write lies about the South? Please Sir, help us: do not allow these people to continue mistreating us - help us to clear our name and to find favor in our Sister States. Or is it too late have the Communists master minds already ruined us. God knows our heart aches and our sorrows He (God) will not turn His back on us -- I just know there is a better tomorrow and I shall continue to watch and pray for it. Sorry my P.S. seems to have turned in to another letter.

Philadelphia, Mississippi

September 26, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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In our Bird Society library you find "What's What"
is among the many good books available to us and it was
indeed a great help to us.

you be a great Christian man and I have great respect for you.
Did you work here ~~in~~ our County. Bob is going to see the American
people to let us have you in charge of our F.B.I. you deserve
the greatest of Medals because you have served our Country far
beyond the call of duty. I know that Bob will continue to believe
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B.I.S. Society and the "Radical Right", Mrs. Brown mailed a letter to "Life"
the International weekly newspaper and an article under "Birch Birch Right"
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person in America could be happy with the American flag being replaced.

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by a U.N. or N.A.T.O. flag in some from U.S. Air force, recruiting poster this has actually happened. I am proud of the American flag. I believe in it and I think it is beautiful and should never take second place to a United Nations flag or a U.S.-U.N. flag. Mr. Dow could ~~sing~~ say the pledge to the American flag before he learned to count to ten. We required him to know to do so.

I found new hope for our Republic through the Birch Society and I believe Mr. Teekle's wish to be a great man among men. Unless you give me reason to think otherwise I shall continue to have faith in Mr. Teekle and the Birch Society.

you will let me know how you soon will you not? I know how busy you are but just one letter will let me know how you feel concerning the Birch Society - to my heart I know what your answer will be.

I want to serve my country and to serve it well. I will obey the laws of the land but, I will not like some of them. what would do I want it to be done right and always I will respect my trust in you as a honest Christian American man. I know you will help me in finding the truth.

Long may your life be and I pray for God to continue to bless you and use you as we can enjoying living in a good free American Republic.

yours very sincerely and respectfully



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P. S.

Sir people living here in my community seem to be fearful of the federal government and perhaps there is good reason to feel this fear yet I have always felt like we the people ~~hate~~ the government and maybe I ~~hate~~ but the only way I know to protect something is to voice my opinion about the matter. Do the people control our federal government or does we let some start power slip in and gain control? I can not understand why the "News press" decided to block bill this. And give only one side stories. I cannot understand why so ~~few~~ people as small as 12% in America can demands and receive - break the bones of our land and go free - no trial no fine no nothing - I can not understand why the news media always put their people in this right and turn the blame of the trouble and and further more - the southern people are not Negro's slaves. I believe the Communists know they would have to break the south before they could take control of our nation. I am good to be a southern born person I have nothing to be ashamed of the way my home is in Mississippi - trust the National press and some other communication media have really made down our great south land somehow this is into how you understand and the reason why we have been treated this is our own country & our side and think of the (the South) taking the largest part of the blame for the bush after taking the land - can you help me? can you tell the American people to understand the true story about us and not to believe every thing they read in magazines like "Time", "Life", "Col" and "The Saturday Evening Post". I wonder does it increase their sales for them to write lies about the South? Please Sir, help me to get these people to be more interesting us - help us to clear our names and to live free in our united States - Or is it too late have the Communists parties in the already ruined us. God have our teachers and our schools the best I will not turn his back on me - I just know there is a better tomorrow and I shall continue to work and pray for it. Sorry my P.S. seems to have turned into a rather letter.

A Training School For Communists



Identifications

The picture on the other side was made at Highlander Folk School during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. Attentive pupils identified by the numbers are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. The association indicated here is not unusual for Dr. King, who belongs to several important Communist front organizations, and who regularly employs or affiliates with known Communists.
2. Abner W. Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Communist front, the Southern Conference Education Fund.
4. Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School (for Communist Training), Monteagle, Tennessee. This school was later abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

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The Founder Of The American Civil Rights Movement



Joseph Pogány
From a sketch made in
about 1923

He was born in Hungary. The name he used publicly there was Joseph Pogány. In the Hungarian Communist Party he was John Schwartz. Later, in the American Communist Party, he was Joseph Lang. But he is most widely remembered today by his American pen name John Pepper.

This man first came to the attention of history as a leader in the Communist terrorist group that murdered Prime Minister Istvan Tisza of Hungary in 1918. He then helped to destroy the Karolyi government.

And with Tibor Szamuely he was one of the founders and chief executioners of that short-lived but incredibly cruel Communist regime in Hungary which was headed by Bela Kun.

When the Bela Kun terror was overthrown Joseph Pogány escaped to Moscow. In 1922, he came to the United States as Moscow's agent to take charge of the American Communists. After escaping capture at the Bridgman raid, he remained inconspicuous for some years. But by 1928 he had become a very clever master of the English language. And in that year, as John Pepper, he issued the sixteen-page pamphlet, *American Negro Problems*, through which he — and his boss, Stalin — established the longrange Communist program for fomenting and using a Negro Revolutionary Movement.

There is almost nothing being written, preached, or done, under the "civil rights" slogan today, which is not in accordance with the planning and instructions laid down by this alien Communist nearly forty years ago. *If enough of the good, patriotic, and idealistic Americans, who now constitute at least ninety percent of the strength of the "civil rights" movement, could be brought to realize the evil forces and evil purposes behind this pretense of humanitarianism, the whole horrible fraud would fall to pieces in three months.*

For Documentation, Order
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This packet contains the pamphlet, *American Negro Problems*, by the Communist, John Pepper; the very revealing book, *Color, Communism and Common Sense*, by Manning Johnson; and much other carefully selected material showing the true nature of the "civil rights" movement and of the forces behind it. Available at any American Opinion Library, or order from

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 14 copies of an IHM captioned "Demonstration Protesting U.S. Intervention in Vietnam at Vertol Division, Boeing Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa., Area, 9/13/65 and 10/2/65." 7

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Copies of the LHM are being furnished to ONI, OSI, INTC, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA., Philadelphia, Pa., for information. (U)

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

First Source [REDACTED] (U) who furnished information to SA WILLIAM S. BETTS

Second Source [REDACTED] Boeing Corporation, Morton, Pa., to SA THOMAS F. LEWIS

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Third Source [REDACTED] (U)

Fourth Source [REDACTED] (U)

Fifth Source [REDACTED] (U)

The LHM is being classified confidential since information furnished by the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th sources if disclosed could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof. (U)

SA WILLIAM S. BETTS identified [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from photographs furnished by second source as set out in the LHM.

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Photographs are being retained in Philadelphia file 100-47881-1B. (U)

For the information of Baltimore, it will be noted that [REDACTED] was stopped by the Ridley Township PD and the following information was obtained concerning him: (U)

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He had a duplicate Selective Service Registration Certificate under the name of [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED] He was born [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., and described as follows: (U)

Eyes: [REDACTED]
Hair: [REDACTED]
Height: [REDACTED]
Weight: [REDACTED]



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He also had a notice of classification in which he was classified [redacted] by Local Board on 7/28/65, apparently from Selective Service System LB #32, Annapolis, Md. He also had a motor vehicle operator's license for the State of Maryland which expires November [redacted] under the name of [redacted] Md. This information was furnished by Captain [redacted] Ridley Township PD, to SA THOMAS F. LEWIS on 10/4/65. 9

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

October 12, 1965

DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING U.S.
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VERTOL DIVISION, BOEING CORPORATION,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., AREA,
SEPTEMBER 13, 1965 AND OCTOBER 2, 1965

A source furnished on September 8, 1965, a Community Peace Calendar issued by the Philadelphia Peace Center, 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for September 1965 which stated that on Monday, September 13, 1965, noon to 6 p.m., there will be a demonstration to end the war in Vietnam centered around the involvement of the Vertol Division, Boeing Corporation, in war effort. Contingents of the demonstration will leave the Ardmore, Chester and Ridley Park plants of Vertol in the morning and converge at noon at the Morton plant, 100 Woodland Avenue, Morton, Pa. This demonstration is sponsored by Students for Nonviolence in care of the Friends Peace Committee, 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone LO 4-6063.

On September 9, 1965, Inspector [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., advised that in connection with planned picketing at the Vertol plants, Philadelphia suburbs, September 13, 1965, he has received information that the John Birch Society and the Young Americans for Freedom, and possibly the VFW, will counter-picket these demonstrations.

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On September 10, 1965, Captain [redacted] in charge of Belmont Barracks, Pennsylvania State Police, Philadelphia, Pa., advised the Pennsylvania State Police had been notified by [redacted] in behalf of an organization called Students for Nonviolence, 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., that a peaceful demonstration would take place on September 13, 1965, at the main plant of the Vertol Division, Boeing Corporation, Morton, Pa. He said it was also his understanding there would be a counter-demonstration by the VFW, John Birch Society, and the YAF.

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A second source advised on September 13, 1965, that two carloads of pickets on the morning of September 13, 1965, arrived at the Ardmore, Pa., plant of Vertol Division, Boeing Corporation. Four people got out and picketed briefly. He said apparently the same two carloads picketed briefly at the Chester, Pa., plant at Vertol and at the Ridley Park, Pa., plant, arriving at the main plant at Morton, Pa., at 11 a.m., where picketing continued until approximately 5:10 p.m. Pickets at the Morton plant varied from seven to 12 pickets protesting U.S. intervention in Vietnam and involvement of Vertol manufacturing helicopters. Ten counter-pickets supporting U.S. action in Vietnam were across the street from approximately noon to 5:10 p.m. No arrests were reported.

The second source identified [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., [redacted] and [redacted] all from the Friends Peace Committee, as taking part in the demonstration on September 13, 1965, at the Vertol plant. [redacted] appeared to be the leader of the pickets.

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The second source also furnished on October 4, 1965, photographs of the pickets at Vertol on September 13, 1965. A Special Agent of the FBI identified [redacted] and [redacted] of the Friends Peace Committee as being among the demonstrators protesting U.S. intervention in Vietnam. The protestors carried signs stating "Stop World War III... Now;" "We Protest Armed Helicopter Production;" "People of Vietnam Need Peace;" "Already Too Many May Have Died;" "Walk With Us to Protest the War in Vietnam." The counter-pickets carried signs reading: "Is This Treason?"; "Evil of the Century - Communism"; "End the War in Vietnam, Defeat the Communists"; "Fight to End"; "Commie Peace - Creeps Go Home;" "Communism Never, Americanism Forever."

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[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.,
was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on
March 22, 1965, as a reference in a Selective Service
Act of 1948 - Conscientious Objector investigation.
He stated [redacted] the Peace Center
program of Friends Peace Committee, 1520 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Pa. He said he is a conscientious
objector and is serving his alternate service with
the Friends Peace Committee in lieu of military
service.

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[redacted] - On December 17, 1963, Commissioner
HOWARD R. LEARY, Philadelphia Police Department,
furnished a photostat copy of the "Lehigh Valley
Report" dated November 25, 1963, [redacted]

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[redacted] Commissioner LEARY noted that [redacted] has
been known to the police in connection with civil
disobedience demonstrations conducted by Congress of
Racial Equality (CORE) and the American Friends Service
Committee (AFSC). The Lehigh Valley Report is self-
described as an independent publication distributed
without charge in an effort to stimulate on the
community level a creative approach to total dis-
armament. The report is issued at Easton, Route 4,
Pa.

The "Daily News", Philadelphia, Pa., February 20,
1965, page eight, contains an article captioned
"200" Peace Signers Assail U.S. Policy in Vietnam,"
by Bill Fidati which reports in part "As a con-
scientious objector I abhor all war", said [redacted]

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[redacted] one of nearly 200 persons in
the area who have signed a declaration of conscience
vowing not to cooperate with the U.S. Government in
the prosecution of the Vietnam conflict," and urged
others to do likewise.

He was among the approximately 20 persons gathered in
a semi-secluded room of the AFSC building in Philadel-
phia and inked their names to the sharply worded
document criticizing the U.S. Policy.

The second source also advised that the following
license numbers were on cars which either delivered the
pickets or picked them up after the picketing:

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Pennsylvania [redacted] issued to [redacted]
[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

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Pennsylvania [redacted] issued to [redacted]
[redacted] Springfield, Pa.

Second source also furnished the following leaflets which were passed out at the demonstration:

1. A four-page leaflet captioned "Please Send Bread Not Bombs" issued by Students for Nonviolence, care of Friends Peace Committee, 1520 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Copy of this leaflet is attached.

2. A leaflet issued by the Philadelphia Organizing Committee, Committee for Non-Violent Action dated September 28, 1965. A copy of this leaflet is attached.

3. Vertol and Vietnam issued by Committee for Non-Violent Action, 3711 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa. A copy of this leaflet is attached. It is noted that the address 3711 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and telephone [redacted] is listed to [redacted]

[redacted] - The first source advised on February 15, 1965, that the name [redacted] was listed as one of the signers of "Declaration of Conscience," circulated by the Friends Peace Committee, declaring his conscientious refusal to cooperate with the United States Government in the prosecution of the war in Vietnam and to encourage others to do likewise by non-violent acts, including civil disobedience.

The source advised on February 11, 1965, that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Friends Peace Committee (FPC), Philadelphia, Pa., as of February 1965, and that the FPC is an adjunct of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and seeks peaceful and non-violent solutions to racial and world tensions.

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On January 10, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed

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by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
[redacted] volunteered the following information:

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[redacted] As a pacifist, [redacted]
felt there was a need for non-official, person-
to-person discussions between citizens of the
United States and the U.S.S.R. He held discussions

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and vice-versa.

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On October 1, 1965, Corporal [redacted]
Pennsylvania State Police, Belmont Barracks, Philadelphia,
Pa., advised that the Students for Nonviolence, 1520 Race
Street, Philadelphia, Pa., planned to demonstrate at Vertol
Division, Boeing Corporation, Morton, Pa., on October 2,
1965, between three and five p.m. protesting Vertol's
participation in the war effort.

On October 2, 1965, the second source advised that
ten pickets participated in a demonstration at the Vertol
Division, Boeing Corporation, Morton, Pa., from 3:10 p.m. to
5:00 p.m., October 2, 1965. All carried signs protesting
U.S. action in Vietnam. One counter-picket walked across
the street from the demonstrators. There were no arrests or
incidents.

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The second source on October 2 and 4, 1965, also furnished the names of the participants in the demonstration October 2, 1965, as follows:

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pa.

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pa.

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia

[REDACTED]
Cheyney

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pa.

[REDACTED]
Swarthmore

WILLIAM DAVIDON
7 College Lane
Haverford

[REDACTED]
Swarthmore

[REDACTED]
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Phone [REDACTED]

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[redacted] - An article in the "Sunday Bulletin," a Philadelphia daily newspaper, Sunday edition, dated December 15, 1963, captioned "Quakers Provide the Main-spring of the Peace Movement Here," contains a sub-section captioned, "Peace Education Division, American Friends Service Committee." This portion of the article quotes [redacted] as stating the peace movement is now in a lull and is undergoing a transition phase.

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[redacted] noted there is a new leadership coming in, the movement will change, and civil rights demonstrations have attracted the most immediate response from the public. He stated that the charge that Communists have influenced the major part of the movement is just not true. The article continued [redacted] stated, "The Communist movement in the United States is dead, they have no influence."

[redacted] is further quoted as stating, "I consider civil disobedience the highest respect for law. I don't agree with those who say it encourages lawlessness." The article noted that [redacted] considered by many in the peace movement to be the most knowledgeable about the Philadelphia area, is [redacted]

[redacted] a Conscientious Objector.

WILLIAM DAVIDON - On October 7, 1960, a third source advised that during September of 1960, DAVIDON contributed \$5.00 to the National Committee to Abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). (C) (U)

A characterization of the NCAHUAC is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

A fourth source on September 5, 1963, advised that during October of 1963 WILLIAM C. DAVIDON contributed \$10.00 to the Independent Citizens Committee (ICC), Philadelphia, Pa. (X) (21)

A characterization of the ICC is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

A fifth source advised on December 16, 1960, that the name of WILLIAM DAVIDON appeared on a leaflet of the

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Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF) as one of its sponsors.

A characterization of the SCEF is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On March 30, 1961, WILLIAM C. DAVIDON was a participant on Radio Station WEAW from Chicago, Ill., on the topic of Peace Walks. During the discussion, he was accused of being a "Communist Fronter" and admitted being a sponsor of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL (CSJMS).

A characterization of the CSJMS is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] - The Bulletin of the Philadelphia County Dental Society, May - June 1965, Vol. 80, page 11, refers to a meeting which took place on April 29, 1965, and states as follows: The guest speaker of the evening was [redacted]

[redacted] who delivered a stimulating and provocative talk. [redacted] contested the findings of the Warren Commission's Report on the assassination of President Kennedy. He reviewed the evidence that was reported by the Commission and suggested that the Commission lacked objectivity in its inquiry.

[redacted] intimated that the Warren Commission continued to support pre-conceived conclusions, despite conflicting and doubtful evidence. He emphasized that most of his speculations and arguments could be answered if the photographs and x-rays of President Kennedy's autopsy were made available to investigators, and he urged their release.

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APPENDIX

Classification of Organizations

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was re-constituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and then the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Control Organizations and Publications," dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" first appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 6, 1965, lists the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE (ICC)

A source advised the Independent Citizens Committee (ICC) was initiated and formed by the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD), in October, 1962 to build a left-center organization which would be able to initiate political activity. As of May 4, 1964, the policies of the ICC were dominated by the CPEPD through Communist Party members who were officers and members of the ICC.

On May 21, 1965, this same source advised the ICC continues to operate under the domination of the CPEPD.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists."

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

A second source advised on June 28, 1965, that as of that date the NCAHUAC continued to function with headquarters at 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

A source advised on October 22, 1958 that earlier in October, 1958, a Philadelphia Committee of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), was formed with [redacted] chosen to serve as Secretary and the only officer of the Philadelphia group.

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A second source reported on October 13, 1961 and May 4, 1962, that the SCEF does not have an organized chapter in Philadelphia, Pa., and it does not maintain an office. It does not maintain a bank account. This source identified [redacted] as the Secretary of the Philadelphia Friends of the SCEF. She is assisted by [redacted]. There has been no activity in Philadelphia, Pa., on the part of the Philadelphia Friends. SCEF, since the spring of 1961. The residence of [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., is used for correspondence purposes by Philadelphia Friends, SCEF.

A third source advised on March 12, 1954, that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware during the period 1949 to 1950. This source recalls attending at least one closed Communist Party meeting conducted at [redacted] residence in late 1949 or early 1950. (21)

A fourth source revealed on August 27, 1954, that in August, 1954, he knew [redacted] as a member of the Communist Party in Louisville, Ky.

The Communist Party, USA, its affiliates and subdivisions, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The Boeing Corporation, Vertol Division, in Morton, Pa. has announced a 100% increase in production of the CH-47A Chinook helicopter, for deployment in Vietnam. The helicopter is armed with machineguns and carries a full load of forty combat troops.

As residents of Delaware Valley, we are involved. We protest against these military helicopters- this evil war.

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FOR AMERICA

We propose that the following actions be taken in Vietnam with an unqualified understanding and commitment of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military power from that war-torn land.

1. Recognition of the Front for National Liberation as a legitimate indigenous political party; not simply the arm of a foreign power.
2. Immediate plans to provide for the evacuation of all Vietnamese citizens who feel their lives are in danger and who wish to leave the country.
3. Immediate cessation of the bombing of North and South Vietnam.
4. To provide relief from American military intervention in Vietnam, the U.S. should withdraw its troops. We realize that this withdrawal may not bring total peace to the citizens of Vietnam, and that it may result in a communist state, but we ate sure that the U.S. would then no longer be involved in a war in which it has no legal or moral right.

This proposal seems to represent to us a correct and effective policy to further the well-being of the Vietnamese- a policy that recognizes that force and arms can never bring peace or freedom, and that we can no longer attempt to dictate the paths and futures of other nations.

FOR VERTOL

The Vérto Division, by supplying helicopters for the U.S. military effort in Vietnam, shares directly in the burden of guilt all America shares. We feel that, if workers and managers of this company truly desire to serve the interests of truth, morality, peace, freedom, and commonsense in foreign affairs:

1. The Boeing Corporation should refuse to sell helicopters to the United States for military use in Vietnam.
2. If Vertol continues to sell these helicopters, we urge workers to seek employment elsewhere. To work in this plant is to help kill innocent men, women, and children. Vertol helicopters are used to support a government headed by a General Nguyen Cao Ky, whose admitted hero in life is Hitler.
3. We urge management and workers to write letters and telegrams, picket, speak, and work in every area to get the U.S. troops out of Vietnam, also.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SOME FACTS:

1. France exploited Vietnam, as a colony, for more than 50 years.
2. During World War II, Japan took control of Vietnam from France.
3. The Vietnamese fought a guerrilla war for independence from Japan.
4. After Japan surrendered to the United States, Vietnam was free for a short while.
5. The French fought a bitter 9 year war to reconquer Vietnam.
6. In 1954 the Vietnamese finally defeated the French Army of nearly half a million men.
7. In the same year, a conference of 14 nations was held in Geneva to settle problems in S.E. Asia. The United States was represented, but refused to sign the agreement. The United States promised NOT TO DISRUPT the agreement.
8. The Geneva Agreement
 - 1) Decided to TEMPORARILY divide this country into northern and southern sections at the 17th parallel to expedite resettlement of populations and evacuation of the French Army.
 - 2) Called for elections in 1956 in both southern and northern Vietnam to elect officials for a UNITED Vietnam.
 - 3) Forbade foreign bases and additional military armament in all Vietnam (northern and southern).
9. However, the United States
 - 1) In 1956 opposed the holding of elections as agreed to.
 - 2) Established heavily armed bases in Southern Vietnam.
11. After elections were not allowed by S. Vietnam and the U.S., nationalist Vietnamese went underground and resumed guerrilla warfare. In 1960 they organized the Front for National Liberation, which is the only party in Southern Vietnam with wide spread support among the people, especially among the peasantry.
12. The Front for National Liberation (often called the Viet Cong) is a nationalist political coalition. It governs more than half of Southern Vietnam, and is fighting the U.S.-backed Republic of Vietnam, whose leaders are a group of Generals who took over from another group of Generals etc., etc. Sometimes the generals appoint civilians to collaborate. The Republic depends on the United States for military and economic existence. The Republic has little support among the people.
13. The Front for National Liberation will have to be included in any peace negotiations.
14. Our war in Vietnam is making people hate us... and making Communist influence stronger... and making Vietnam dependent on China... and bringing danger of World War III.

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"It's Beautiful, but We Were Sort of Hoping for a Plow"



Mauldin
St. Louis Post Dispatch

Prepared by Students For Nonviolence, a Delaware Valley student group exploring effective peaceful means of ending the war in Vietnam. For further information please contact:

Students For Nonviolence
c/o Friends Peace Committee
1520 Race St. Phila. Pa. 19102

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At Vertol, helicopters are made for use in the war in Vietnam.

For 25 years, the people of Vietnam have suffered through three wars. That land has become, by testimony of both sides, a testing ground in the Cold War. The people have been forced to endure the brutalities of torture and terror, the horrors of bombing, the destruction of homes and villages, assassinations, and the humiliation of being pawns in a great power struggle.

Once more war shows itself to be a bankrupt policy. It betrays all who rely upon it. It draws the participants ever deeper into a quicksand where they commit unspeakable atrocities and dishonor their professed ideals. Behind it all lurks the risk of a much more destructive war involving hundreds of millions of people.

As an alternative to present policies, we advocate that:

- * there be an immediate cease fire, and a commitment to unconditional withdrawal of U.S. and allied troops
- * a conference of all interested powers be called to insure a Vietnam freed of all foreign military intervention, with the people of Vietnam deciding their own destiny
- * the U.S. offer massive aid to all war victims, North and South
- * all Vietnamese, including the National Liberation Front, committed to resist social injustice and tyranny, should repudiate war as their way of struggle and turn the present battle into a struggle against war itself, by embracing nonviolent resistance.

To management and workers at Vertol, we make this appeal:

- * use Vertol facilities for nonmilitary production
- * if military production continues, we urge workers to seek jobs elsewhere, which contribute to peace and progress
- * if workers have difficulty finding other jobs, we stand ready to help in any way we can.

CNVA was organized in 1957 to oppose nuclear weapons tests. We sailed the ketch Golden Rule into the Pacific protesting U.S. tests. We walked to Moscow protesting Soviet tests. We have carried on direct action against war and war preparations. We are partisans of no military or political blocs and are committed to work for peace and justice by nonviolent means. Will you join us?

COMMITTEE FOR NONVIOLENT ACTION / PHILADELPHIA
3711 Spring Garden Street BA 2-2279

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Public witness demonstrations, like this vigil-leafleting, are a form of nonviolent action. Unlike the power of violence, which is dependent on fear and often accompanied by secrecy and deception, nonviolence rests on self-sacrifice, and courage, loving adherence to truth, and is enhanced by openness. In order to make more sure an effective demonstration, and to guide those inexperienced in public witness, all participants are asked to observe the following principles of conduct and discipline.

- (1) All are welcome who are in general agreement with the policy of the group. Please read the leaflet carefully.
- (2) Please refer all officials, police, etc. to the demonstration coordinator. If questioned by the press, be sure to first emphasize that you speak only for yourself—that statements of formal group policy can be made only by the coordinator or someone he designates.
- (3) In no case will we respond to provocation with physical violence or verbal abuse. In all discussions we should try to speak to the best in others, rather than seek to exploit their weaknesses to what may seem to be our advantage.
- (4) Persons under the influence of narcotics, hallucogens or alcohol are not welcome at this demonstration.

Philadelphia Organising Committee,
Committee for Nonviolent Action

28 September 1965

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EX-103
October 14, 1965

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[redacted]
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 8th has been received, and the kind sentiments you expressed are indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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[redacted]
Oklahoma City, Okla.
October 8, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently there has been much discussion in the press and other mass news media concerning the John Birch Society. Since I consider you one of the best informed men in America concerning Communism and Americanism I would value greatly your personal opinion of the Society; that is, do you consider it to be subversive, or is it helping to alert Americans as to the nature of the Communist menace.

Thank you for what you are doing to keep order and freedom in our lives.

I am thanking you in advance.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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Oklahoma City, Okla.
October 8, 1965

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Yours very truly,

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[redacted]
Alton, Rhode Island 02803

October 14, 1965

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

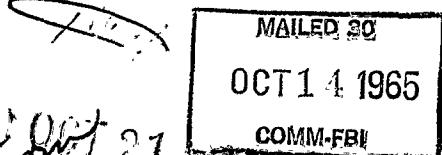
NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent furnished us a copy of a letter he wrote a local television station regarding a program referred to as "The Rise and Fall of Communism." He was not identifiable at this time in March, 1964. One [redacted] was named as [redacted] of the John Birch Society in Warwick, Rhode Island, as of 9-65.

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Alton, Rhode Island
October 11, 1965

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

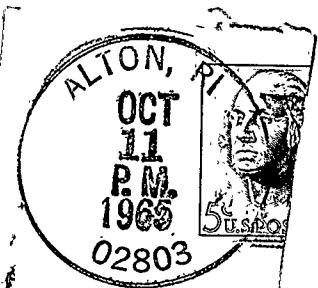
In recent attacks, some critics of The John Birch Society have inferred that it is a subversive, un*american organization. It has been described as being more dangerous than the Communist Party.

I would greatly appreciate any help you could give me that would clarify the matter with respects^{to} the Birch Society's subversive nature and un-American activities.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can provide and with best wishes for the future, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

[Redacted]



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October 12, 1965

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Spokane, Washington 99207

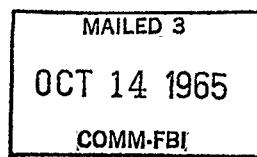
Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on October 8th.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Personally, I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society, since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Mr. Conrad
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Mr. Gale
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Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

[Redacted]
Spokane, Washington 99207
Sunday, 3 October 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old Post Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Sir:

The Saturday Evening Post, 25 September 1965, in an article on your career in the FBI, states on Pg. 32, Col. I, Paragraph 7:

"Despite the tendency of many liberals to lump Hoover with his far-right admirers, Hoover disavows the ultra-conservative political label, terms himself an 'objectivist', and has publicly declared that he 'has no respect' for the extremist notions of Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society."

I am interested in having the last point clarified. To me, the direct quote 'has no respect' as used in the above paragraph is rather weak, and possibly misleading. If you could provide the complete comment made by you concerning Mr. Welch I would be grateful.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

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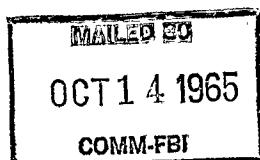
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 8th was received during
Mr. Hoover's absence.

I know he would want me to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will understand the reason for this policy and why it is not possible for him to furnish the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,



Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that the Chief of Police in Ketchikan, Alaska, advised during 1954 he was [redacted] who had, at that time, been [redacted]

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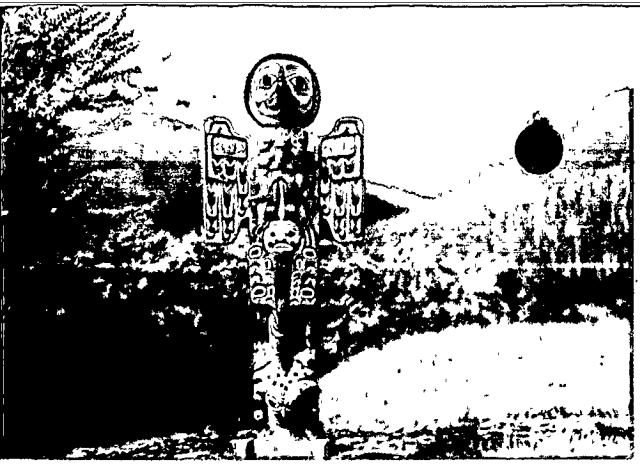
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Ketchikan, Alaska

AMERICA'S LAST FRONTIER

Ketchikan, Alaska
October 8, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have a friend who says he will not read any literature of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY until he sees a letter from you to the effect that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is not a subversive organization.

Will you write me a letter that I may show him assuring him of this?

Yours very truly

Ketchikan, Alaska

P.S.

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October 15, 1965

62-104401-2681

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Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 12th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

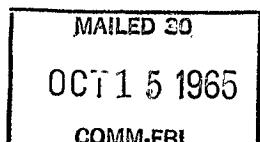
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[redacted]
Glastonbury, Conn.
October 12, 1965

Dear Sir:

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I would like to have you send me any information you have available on the John Birch Society, if possible. I am writing a research paper on the organization for Current Issues and I would appreciate any information you can send me.

If there is any information you can send me - send it to the following address:

[redacted]
Glastonbury, Connecticut

Thank - you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Address per postmark

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Glastonbury, Conn.
October 12, 1965

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Thank - you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Narrowsburg, New York 12764

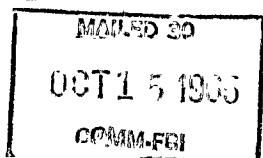
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 8th has been received.

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In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society, and I can assure you that no representative of this Bureau has ever made any comments expressing approval or disapproval of this organization.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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October 8, 1965
Narrowsburg, New York
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

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O Society
We have an active John Birch chapter in our community and they
have led us to believe that the F.B.I. has "given their blessings"
on their Society.

Could you please clarify your position on this controversy.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Very truly yours

[redacted]

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October 15, 1965

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Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 10th has been received.

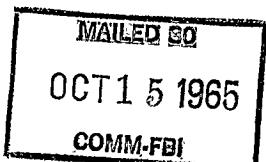
In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that organizations are designated by the Department of Justice of the United States as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Enclosed is a copy of the list of those groups which have been cited in this manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

List of Subversive Organizations

NOTE: Correspondent is a member of the John Birch Society. He was not identifiable in Bufiles in our letter to him on 7-1-64.

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[redacted]
Brookhaven, Pa. 19015
October 10th, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Has the John Birch Society ever been on the
Subversive List at any time since its inception. Is it now?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

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[Redacted]
Brookhaven, Pa. 19015
October 10th, 1965.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Has the John Birch Society ever been on
the Subversive List at any time since its
inception. Is it now?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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EX 109

October 18, 1965

REC-6

62-10440-2684

[redacted]
Helena, Alabama 35080

Dear [redacted]

I have received the letter of October 12th from you and [redacted] and the interest which prompted this communication is indeed appreciated. The kind comments expressed mean a great deal to me.

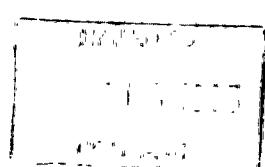
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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] Our files show that one [redacted] was the subject of an Internal Security-Cuba investigation which was closed during 4-65. She is [redacted] and it was not felt that further investigation was warranted.

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HELENA, ALABAMA 35080

Oct. 12, 1965

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Dear Sir,

Because you are a Christian I have utmost confidence in you. We admire you so much.

In times like these it is so very hard to know good from evil, - until we discover too late. (As with Castro according to one of our dear missionary friends who served 46 years in Cuba & for 2 yrs. & 4 mo. was completely fooled by Castro.)

She & I would like you to please give us your opinion of the John Birch Society. (She wrote to someone in Wash. & their reply was that they are doing more harm than Communism. We know little but doubt this.)

Please send us your advice or information on the
John Birch Society-

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Helena, Alabama 35080

and

[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, Fla.

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Helena, Alabama 35080

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Oct. 12, 1965

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October 19, 1965

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62-104401-2686

[redacted]
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55431

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 12th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to comment as you have indicated. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

1 - Minneapolis - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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John M. Lester

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J. E. M.

[Redacted]
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55431

October 12, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Ave. and 10th St. N. E.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Some months ago my wife and I joined the John Birch Society. After many months of study and participation, we believe we are thoroughly familiar with the aims and methods of the organization.

Based on our own experiences within the Society, we feel that the various charges currently being leveled against it from almost every direction, are groundless. Yet, the sheer weight of numbers and the viciousness of these attacks, appearing almost daily in our newspapers and on television lead us to wonder whether our judgement is faulty.

Since you are regarded as the nations foremost authority on the communist conspiracy and your opinions are highly respected by all, we look to you for advice.

Are the communists as deeply entrenched in our country and our government as indicated by Robert Welch and the numerous other authors and lecturers who are given voice through the John Birch Society? Do you know of any better way that we, as private citizens, can fight communism, and thus serve our country, than through the John Birch Society?

My wife and I will be deeply grateful to you for taking the time to answer our questions.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Huffman, Texas 77336

Dear [redacted]

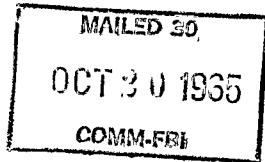
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Sincerely yours,
Edgar Hoover



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October 14, 1965

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to know if the F. B. I. has any information concerning the John Birch Society? In these days when one can hardly believe all he believes in the news papers & magazines, it is hard to determine for sure the truth about any organization. If at all possible I would like your views or those of your organization concerning the Society & its activities. In your opinion, is it a patriotic organization?

Very sincerely,

/s/

Huffman, Tex.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Fairbanks, Alaska
October 10, 1965

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Rosenblach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir,

Over a year ago I became interested in what is, and has been happening in this great nation of ours. (I'm 33 years old, and finally woke up to some of my responsibilities as a citizen!) I only hope that there are many more that are waking up before it is too late.....

Your book, "Masters of Deceit", was very enlighteng and well put. I congratulate you for your courage to speak out about the serious internal threat of communism in our nation.

Anti-communism has been subjected to an accelerated smear campaign in the past few months by Look, True, Life, Time, Good Housekeeping, AFL*CIO COPE, and assorted other public news media. It seems that anyone who trys to take a stand against the socialist direction our nation is heading toward or is an outspoken anti-communist; is branded as an "extremist".

It appears that anyone who voices a belief in God, (particularly a devout Christian), would also be in this category since his belief does not go along with that of the "crowd". Are we Christians to be the target of the next attack? Who is behind all of this?? Either I am letting my imagination run away with myself; Or the communists are really pushing!

My wife and I, along with several good friends, have attended the past 2 monthly meetings of the newly formed local chapter of the John Birch Society. I have read their complete packet on the civil rights issue and, find, that it makes good sense to me, I did not detect any hate in it. I have completed most of the "Blue Book", and I find myself agreeing with most of its' contents.

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1 CORRESPONDENCE

I am employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] here in Alaska, and by the nature of the job, must have a security clearance. My Main Concern is this: I want to do everything I can to help our nation in this all-out fight against communism!

| In view of all the above; will my joining the John Birch Society, in any way effect my job or security clearance?

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Phone [redacted]

E. W. [unclear]

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EX 102

62-104401-2688

October 19, 1965

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 10th has been received, and I am pleased to know that you enjoyed reading "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you will also want to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism." This was written to furnish readers an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. The Party's efforts, however, are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time opposition to communism must be careful and constructive and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for

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this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

While I would like to be of service, I regret that I cannot offer you the advice you are seeking. This Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type, and the substance of your inquiry is a matter to be resolved between you and your present employer.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent.

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October 21, 1965

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[redacted]
Schwenksville, Pennsylvania 19473

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of October 18th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to comment specifically as you have indicated. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

In connection with these matters, enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

The Faith of Free Men 10-19-65

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Schwenksville, Pa.
Oct. 18, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As an ordinary United States citizen, who greatly admires you for your accomplishments through the FBI, I would like to get your recommendations for sources of reliable anti-communist information on communist activity in this country. Also, what the individual can do to oppose communism; for I don't want my family to be made subject to a Godless government.

Friends of mine have mentioned the John Birch Society as a source of such information. The press has labeled this group as subversive and un-American and have placed it in the same class as the K.K.K. What is the truth about the John Birch Society?

Thanking you in advance for your comments and recommendations, I remain

Sincerely yours.



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Schwenksville, [redacted]
Pa. 19473

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EX-103



Miami, Florida

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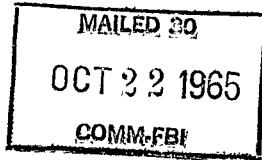
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 19, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My Social Science professor at the University of Miami has given me the assignment of doing a term paper on the John Birch Society. Since books on this subject are scarce, I would like you to send me any and all information your department has acquired on the subject. Also, if possible a reply concerning the official feeling and attitude and assessment of this organization.

An immediate reply would be much appreciated.
(Due to a Nov. 5th deadline).

Thanking you in advance,

I am,

[Redacted]

Miami, Fla.

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Oct. 19, 1965

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Thanking you in advance,
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October 22, 1965

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Huntington Station, New York 11747

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 15th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, mail matters do not fall within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot be of help in this instance.

I am returning the material you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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COMM-FBI

Enclosures (3)

1 - New York - Enclosures (2)

Attention SAC: The [redacted] was the subject of a Labor Management Relations Act investigation. Prosecution was declined as investigation revealed no evidence of a violation. Material he forwarded emanated from the American Opinion, Belmont, Massachusetts.

NOTE: No copy of this material was retained for Bufiles as it is well known.

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Huntington Station, New York

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October 15, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D.C.

Huntington Station, New York 11747

Gentlemen:

The enclosed literature was mailed to me
at my home.

I have no idea as to its source, but do not
wish it to be continued.

I would appreciate your assistance in an
endeavor to have them cease from sending this
literature to me.

Very truly yours,

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New York, New York 10031

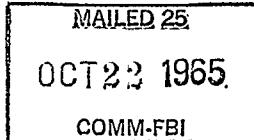
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Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

The Faith of Our Fathers

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. We have enjoyed cordial relations with Dr. and Mrs. Harry Overstreet, and we have furnished them assistance in connection with their books.

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October 18, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover. The following "P. S" I am copying from a letter received recently from Bonaro Overstreet.

"P. S. People who don't like The John Birch Society and its tactics of labeling as Communists or pro-Communists any person or group with which it disagrees are not necessarily, you know, against patriotism and anti-Communism. J. Edgar Hoover, in his sworn testimony before the Warren Commission on May 14, 1964, made it perfectly plain that he considers those who make "allegations that Gen. Eisenhower was a Communist" and "disparaging references to the Chief Justice" as just as dangerous on the Right extreme, as Communists are on the Left. "They don't deal with facts. Anybody who will allege that Gen. Eisenhower was a Communist agent, has something wrong with him" And Mr. Hoover was speaking, I would emphasize, under oath. See Hearings before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. Vol 2 p. 101. In like view, at the same press conference last fall, when he called Martin Luther King a liar, Mr. Hoover said flatly that he had "no respect" for the John Birch Society. Would you contend that Mr. Hoover is against all anti-Communists?"

I do not belong to the John Birch Society but I believe the majority of members are upstanding American Patriots. Why Mrs Overstreet should add the P.S., which contains your name, to a letter with which it had nothing to do, is known only to Bonaro. I don't know the Overstreets personally but I have heard something of their activities. That I received the letter from Mrs. Overstreet is a strange thing and comes about because I objected to their endorsement by the United Church Women.

In a small way I have been trying to acquaint friends and others about the Communist Conspiracy. Would it be too much to ask if either or both of the Overstreets were ever called before the House un-American Activities Committee? They have been accused of it by a reliable source. Bonaro denies it about herself.

There is another question I have known for a long while that there was a man named [redacted] connected with the robbery of Gov. documents in the Amerasia Case. He was in the State research dept. and an adviser to President Eisenhower, positions which [redacted] also held. I asked Mr. Dan Smoot. He wrote they were not the same. Somehow I cannot be satisfied that there is no connection.

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I am very concerned about the danger to the Churches. They will be the first to go if our beloved Country - so favored of God - becomes a Soviet State.

I would appreciate some word from you.

Sincerely



N. Y., N. Y. 10031

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CORRESPONDENCE

Bonaro.

October 26, 1965

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Narrowsburg, New York 12764

Dear [redacted]

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I have received your letter of October 19th, and the complimentary remarks you expressed regarding my work and that performed by this Bureau are deeply appreciated.

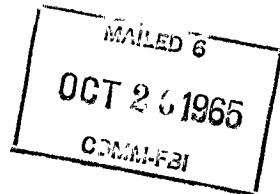
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In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of one of my speeches, and I hope you will find my remarks of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosure

"The Faith Of Free Men"

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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October 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know you are a very busy man and this is likely to get lengthy but I hope you will bear with me.

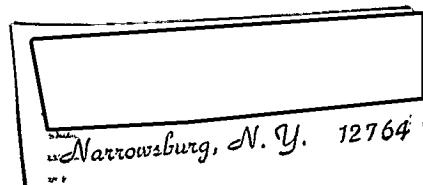
Last winter I was given the Blue Book of the John Birch Society, by a friend who asked me to read it and tell them what I thought of it. I read and their aims seemed to me to be very worthwhile and commendable. There were a few things I didn't care for like the monolithic set up of the society, but I thought it worthwhile finding out about. Several others read the Blue Book and in due time we formed a chapter. I found the monolithic set up didn't affect us because we don't have to do any specific things as members. By this I mean suggestions are made about writing and so on, but we follow our own thinking and there are no checks made as to what we write about.

After a few months of this the trouble started. We were literally torn apart by others in town. We (according to them) belonged to a secret organization, we were against everything, we said there was communism in many places, and etc. Now I have found out that there is nothing secret, there is no more of anything made available to me than to a non member. I am certainly not against everything, I am for more things than I am against, and I do believe there is communism in many places that many people are unaware of. I have by the way read your book, "Masters of Deceit".

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I do not go along with Mr. Welch in his conclusions in his "Politician" nor do I think it is necessary to agree with him. My main interest and that of the people here in our town connected with this, is to stimulate interest in government, to become aware of conditions as they do exist, to arrest the general apathy among so many. I do not expect everyone to come to the same conclusions or to follow a certain pattern.

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Now come all the attacks against the society in the newspapers magazines etc. Many of the charges I know are false. Other members elsewhere receive different literature than ours. But one can't help wondering, am I being very naive and missing something entirely. The people I know who are in this are all wonderful people, church people, different backgrounds who seem to respect others for what they do, not their color or religion. These are the type of people I want to know and associate with, but are we all being taken in?



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Last week I was invited to a talk by Julia [redacted]own, who stated she had been an undercover agent for the F.B.I. She also was asked what she thought of the John Birch Society and was very much in favor of it.

People also charge that the Birch Society is trying to take over in politics- but nowhere in the literature do they suggest how you should vote or who for, just to inform yourself about those running for office in your own locality and make up your own mind.

My only interest is to become informed and do what little I can to fight against communism. I read not only John Birch literature but books and articles on all sides, as much as time will allow, so far I cannot see what I am doing that is wrong. However I am certainly willing to listen. I realize that very sincere people have been duped before, like those who joined or were affiliated with the Communist Party, and later realized how wrong they had been.

Could you please advise me? I have a great deal of respect for you and the F.B.I. I would like personal advice and also could I ask you to make a statement publicly on the whole situation? I know many people who don't have anything against the Society except for Mr. Welch. I don't feel however that we have to agree with him on everything or that people just blindly follow him. Possibly I am very wrong.

I know this has been long and rather rambling, but I tried to put down my thoughts honestly and sincerely, not couched in fancy phrases. I will appreciate an answer more than words could express, for if nothing else at the moment I find myself very confused.

Most sincerely,

Narrowsburg, N.Y. 12764

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

REC-10

October 21, 1965

62-104401-2693

Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of October 16th, and it was indeed good of you to furnish me your observations.

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You may be sure I have never made any statement which might be interpreted as expressing approval or disapproval of the John Birch Society, and I have not sponsored this organization.

Further, I would like to point out that I have not remarked that any of our Washington officials are traitors to the United States. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Personally, I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society, since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 16, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Commissioner of F.B.I.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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The John Birch Society (recent letter to me Sept. 28, 1965) forty-five their accusations of treason against ex-President Eisenhower, and other authorities in Washington, with statements and writings of yours, the following as a sample:

"Every Communist today must be considered as an enemy, wherever he may be, at home or abroad. A "soft" approach toward the menace of communism can lead only to national disaster."

Treason, of course as you know, consists of "adhering to their enemies, and giving them aid and comfort."

Is not the one important question in all this matter, how shall we define an enemy? so that to give him aid and comfort will be treasonous? Surely to give aid and comfort by selling wheat to a hungry nation, making large loans of money, extending time to pay war debts, and the such, is giving aid and comfort. But because a country maligns us, lies about us accuses of imperialism, making combinations against our trade and commerce, refusing to pay their war debts to us, etc., etc., is any or all of this combined necessary to make them enemies; so that if we give such a country aid and comfort we are traitors? Under such a situation all the three branches of the government are traitors.

To be such an enemy, so that if we give him aid and comfort it would be treasonous, would he not have to have done some harmful act to the body corporate of the United States; or "cocking his gun and pointing it at us" to be such an enemy. Khrushchev was getting his missiles in Cuba so as to fire upon us and thus in the process of making him such an enemy; but upon demand he pulled them back; and thus avoided making John F. Kenney a traitor because he was selling wheat to Russia and thus giving them aid and comfort.

Because the Birch Society claims you as a sponsor of their claims that many of our Washington officials are traitors to the United States, I would appreciate your definition of our enemy, who when we give him aid and comfort, it would be treasonous.

Yours sincerely, and respectfully,

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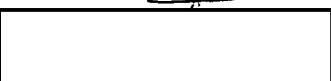
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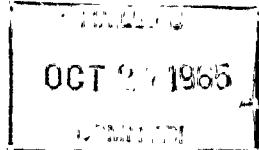


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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Oct. 20, 1965

Edgar J. Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Recently I have read very much material, pro and con, on the John Birch Society. I am very much interested in fighting communism and think this is the one organization I would like to join. Would you recommend this society? Is it a subversive organization? I would appreciate your opinion.

Sincerely,

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Covington, Ky. 41015

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John J. Howard

F. B. I.

Washington, D.C.

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October 27, 1965

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Cleveland, Ohio 44127

Dear [redacted]

[redacted] Your letter of October 23rd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Cleveland, Ohio 44127
October 23, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A candidate, with excellent qualifications, is campaigning for a seat on the Cleveland Board of Education. Four years ago, this candidate ran unsuccessfully for the School Board. When directly questioned, the candidate recently admitted membership, for approximately the past one and one-half years, in the John Birch Society.

In your opinion, Mr. Hoover, would membership in the John Birch Society disqualify a candidate for election to the Cleveland Board of Education? I would very much appreciate a prompt reply because the election occurs on November 2. You may wire me, collect, your answer.

Very truly yours

[redacted]

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EX-113
62-104401-2696 October 27, 1965



Cape Canaveral, Florida

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 23rd has been received, and it was good of you to furnish me your observations.

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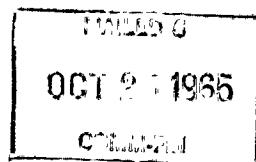
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Your desire to learn more about the menace of communism is indeed encouraging. Perhaps you will want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"The Faith of Free Men"

Enclosures Excerpt from Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65, on CP, USA

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Cape Canaveral, Florida
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J. EDGAR HOOVER
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am quite concerned about the demonstrations throughout this country to end the war in Viet Nam, intergration, and civil rights.

If anyone will take the time to investigate these demonstrations, it is easy to see this is part of the Communist plan to take over the United States. Yet, our Government does not advise us on Communism. What is it? How are we to recognize it?

I am employed at Cape Kennedy. Before I could start work I was required to fill out form "DD48-1 Certificate of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations". The John Birch Society is not listed on this form. Although I am not a member of this organization, I believe they are doing an excellent job to combat Communism. I would like to know if you concur that this is a good source of educational information on what and how to understand what Communism is?

We have a "Safety Engineer" that informs us of hazardous conditions that exist in our line of work through a "Safety Bulletin". Also we have a "Security" man that's only interest seems to be if classified filing cabinets are locked. Certainly he could distribute some information from the "House Committee on Un-American Activites" so that more people would be informed on Communism.

I am looking forward to hearing your answers and opinions.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Cape Canaveral, Florida

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October 27, 1965

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[REDACTED]
La Mirada, California 90638

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 19th has been received, and it was good of you to comment so favorably regarding the statement I made before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which was released on January 17, 1960.

While I would like to be of service to you, this Bureau's budgetary limitations preclude my furnishing material in the quantity you requested. I am enclosing one copy of my remarks for your ready reference together with a copy of my recent speech, which I hope you will find of interest.

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OCT 27 1965
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA
(taken from 3-1-60 LEB)
"The Faith of Free Men"

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NOTE: While correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles, he does indicate that he is a member of the John Birch Society. In view of this, it is not felt that he should be furnished the volume material he requested.

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October 19, 1965

U. S. Justice Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a recent meeting of the Young Republicans monthly meeting, held in my city of residence, La Mirada, the featured speaker used some statements which you made in 1960.

After his talk - on the United Nations, Education and the Watts Riots - I asked the speaker where he obtained the information on the things which you had written.

The speaker produced a pamphlet, about 5" x 6", and which, as best I could determine, was entitled "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party" as taken from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin of 3/1/60.

Yesterday I visited your Los Angeles FBI offices, and asked for a copy of this pamphlet. Unfortunately they did not have a supply, but they did give me other statements which you had made about the Communists, for which I was thankful.

I would appreciate very much receiving from your Department, 50 copies of the pamphlet mentioned above. Your comments of introduction to the analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party were very timely, and can be put to good use in educating well-meaning, but sadly informed fellow workers.

Thank you for your help in obtaining these copies.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

La Mirada, California

P.S. - I'm a member of the John Birch Society, and proud of this fact. 2

La Mirada, Calif. 90638

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62-104401-2698

October 27, 1965

[redacted]
Oelrichs, South Dakota 57763

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 20th has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

It is a pleasure to enclose a copy of my recent speech, which I hope you will enjoy reading.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

"The Faith of Free Men," 10-19-65

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

OELRICH'S — ORAL — SMITHWICK, SOUTH DAKOTA



Oelrichs, South Dakota
Phone: 2371

October 20, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

I am a Methodist minister and am experiencing some activity from the local John Birch Society and other extreme right groups. It has been suggested that the Bureau could help us to get needed information with which to counteract the right wing programs.

Would the Bureau have available materials with which to use in rebuttal against this type of agitation? Would these materials be available for my use? Can these materials be reproduced for distribution at public meetings?

The largest single group and by far the most vocal has been the John Birch Society and I believe that I must speak out against this group before the dissension in my churches and in the local community reaches proportions that will be difficult to counteract.

Please forward any materials that are available and any suggestions as to their proper use.

Sincerely yours,

Oelrichs, South Dakota 57763

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Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of October 21st has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish you the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

You are assured that I have never made any statement which might be interpreted as expressing approval or disapproval of the John Birch Society, and I have not endorsed this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

This letter is written in hopes that I might get some information in regards to the John Birch Society. Two members of our family are members of the society and they say they are indorsed by you.

My husband an I have not attended any of their meetings and cannot seem to go along with a lot of their complaints.

What we are trying to find out, Is it a good organization? Are they really helping their country? Is it really dedicated to fighting communist?

I would appreciate any information you could send me about their Society.

Thank you,



Wyandotte, Mich.

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St. Paul, Minnesota 55113

Dear

Your letter of October 21st was received during Mr. Hoover's absence. You may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

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I know he would want me to tell you that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society and that the confidential nature of this Bureau's files precludes his furnishing the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is known in Bufiles as [redacted] who formerly was known as [redacted] although he never used this name. His name appeared on a list of individuals associated with the Minutemen organization in Independence, Missouri. He was interviewed concerning this association, and he denied such membership [redacted]

He is known as a member of the John Birch Society. His
is on the Security Index of the Minneapolis Office.

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St Paul Minn 55113
Oct 21 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I have been reading an awful lot lately about the John Birch Society and how bad it is but they never seem to give a reason why. No one seems to be able to help and I would like to know what it is all about. I was wondering if it could possibly be a subversive organization and I believe the best people to ask is you.

I intend to investigate further and would appreciate all the help you can give me.

Sincerely,

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Pensacola, Florida 32507

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 21st has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

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Pensacola, Fla.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir -

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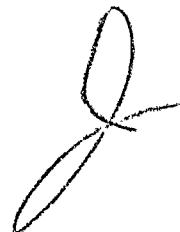
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me about the "John Birch Society."

Is There any reason why a military man (Career)
should not Join This Society?

Sincerely Yours

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Address per envelope:

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Pensacola, Fla. 32507

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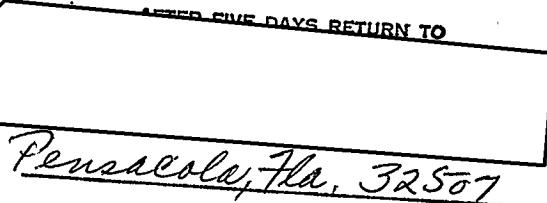
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

to : The Director

DATE: 10/29/65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A3503. Senator Scott, (R) Pennsylvania, extended his remarks to include a statement by Senator Morton, (D) Kentucky, in which he deplored efforts by the John Birch Society to infiltrate the Republican Party, and an editorial from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette of October 4th entitled Birchers Disapp. Mr. Morton stated "There are three organizations in this country which give me grave doubts as a citizen; the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and the John Birch Society. Although their goals differ, they have one thing in common, and that is secrecy. I am sure that Sp. J. Edgar Hoover has a fairly substantial list of the members of these organizations."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 10/29/65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

SAC, Cincinnati [redacted]

10/26/65

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Director, FBI

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REC-61 62-104401-2703
THOMAS OSCAR DAUGHERTY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reurairtel dated 10/19/65.

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Referenced airtel enclosed a newspaper article in which captioned individual states he has been a member of the John Birch Society (JBS) since 9/9/64. He adds that he joined the JBS after investigating it thoroughly, which included a visit to the FBI Office in Cincinnati. He derides the newspaper for having published a critical editorial concerning the JBS. Referenced letter states that he did make inquiry of your office on 8/26/64 about the JBS. He was told that no assistance could be given him in view of the confidential nature of FBI files. Referenced letter

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In the event captioned individual contacts your office in the future, accept any pertinent information he may volunteer; however, do not encourage him in any way to seek information for your office. Be most circumspect during any such contact with him in view of the possibility he could cause embarrassment to the Bureau because of his public controversy concerning the JBS.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with captioned individual.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS SECTION

FROM W. B. SAC, CINCINNATI

SUBJECT: THOMAS OSCAR DAUGHERTY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re enclosed newspaper article appearing in the "Cincinnati Enquirer," Cincinnati, Ohio, 10/18/65, indicating writer to be TOM DAUGHERTY, 2219 Greenup Street, Covington, KY.

Indices of the Cincinnati Office indicate DAUGHERTY

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appeared at the Cincinnati Office on 8/26/64 and was interviewed by SA THOMAS P. SCOLLARD. It is recorded at time of interview DAUGHERTY was interested in knowing if FBI could tell him anything about John Birch Society. DAUGHERTY was advised FBI had no comment to make concerning this group, that information in FBI files is confidential, and that he should not construe reply to mean FBI does or does not have information in file concerning this group.

During conversation DAUGHERTY indicated admiration for FBI Director HOOVER and the work of the FBI. DAUGHERTY

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DAUGHERTY indicated he was born and was a graduate of Kentucky. He indicated

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Special Agent in Charge

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plans to return to college, possibly University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati, Ohio, for graduate work. He said he served in the

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No additional contacts were made between DAUGHERTY
and Cincinnati Office.

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Readers' Views

Finest Americans I've Ever Known'

TO THE EDITOR: I have been a member of the John Birch Society since September 9, 1964.

Before adding my name to the society's roster, I investigated it most thoroughly, as my decisions have always been governed by Davy Crockett's advice: "Be sure you're right—then go ahead." In this case, being sure that I was right included extensive reading, numerous meetings, and finally a visit to Cincinnati's FBI office to make certain that I wasn't being "taken in." It wasn't until after such precautions that I "went ahead." Now, after more than a year of membership, I can state unequivocally that the John Birch Society is the finest body of dedicated, God-centered, anti-Communist Americans I've ever known.

And yet, for more than a year now, I've watched the society's name suffer a continuous barrage of gross misrepresentations, slanderous innuendo and vicious falsehoods. At first these attacks evoked my ire and alarm, but a few months in the "stoning pit" taught me to take it all in stride with a hearty "ho-hum." I've disciplined myself, as all Birchers must, to keep right on working for what I know is right, despite all the vituperation hurled at us daily. As of this moment, I've yet to regret my affiliation, and

—with rare exceptions—I've yet to see us get a fair shake from the press.

When Bill Buckley parried at us not too long ago, I almost yielded to my passion for rebuttal, but I somehow managed to bite my tongue one more time and let him have his fun. But *The Enquirer* (October 13) has finally succeeded where Buckley failed: I've had it!

Your editorial, "No Birchers On The Air," didn't particularly disturb me until I encountered the statement: "The major Welch contribution to the last five years, consequently, has been discrediting a vast part of the anti-Communist movement in the United States." The implications of this blatant lie transcend the usual realm of absurdities which we endure, and veer off on a tangent of truth-reversal right out of "1984." I've long admired—with some reservations—*The Enquirer's* editorial integrity, but for once I'm at a total loss in discerning what lies behind this journalistic perversion.

The unvarnished truth is that despite differences of opinion in the conservative camp, Mr. Welch has yet to cast the first stone against any anti-Communist whatsoever. To the contrary, it is Mr. Welch who has endured Mr. Buckley's proddings, even though Buckley owes Robert Welch a debt of gratitude for helping *National Review* gain

financial footing. And it is Mr. Welch who has taken Senator Goldwater's criticism without a whimper, although Robert Welch has voiced his personal praise of the senator on several occasions. And it is Mr. Welch who continues to support these anti-Communists, and others like them, despite their tendency to join the already overcrowded ranks of "Birch-baiters."

If *The Enquirer* now chooses to jump onto the anti-Birch bandwagon, then I can only recommend that you take some lessons from the Communists themselves, as they scooped you back in February of '61 by taking first crack at us in their own People's World.

TOM DAUGHERTY, 2219 Greenup St., Covington.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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October 29, 1965

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[redacted]
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 26th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Oct. 26, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a Businessman, a Republican, and a strong Conservative. I am confused about a certain Organization, and I would very much like to know if this Organization is legitimate and in the best interests of the American people.

The Organization to which I refer is the John Birch Society. In some newspapers they call this organization radical and extremist, and in other newspapers they praise the John Birch Society. Also on radio and television there have been conflicting reports about this organization.

As a businessman and Republican, I am interested in supporting all organizations who are against Socialism and Communism in this country.

Would you please take the time from your busy schedule, or have one of your secretaries let me know what the status is of the John Birch Society. Naturally I do not expect you to endorse this Organization; I just want to know if it is operating as a legitimate organization, dedicated to the preservation of the American Constitution.

Sincerely yours,

Nashville, Tennessee

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November 1, 1965

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EX-103

Taylor, Arizona 85939

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 24th has been received, and the concern which prompted your communication is appreciated. I want to assure you that this Bureau is ever cognizant of its responsibilities, and we will do everything within our power to discharge our duties with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

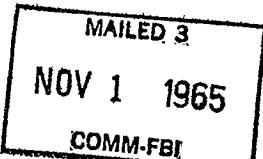
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I would like to point out that it has always been my policy to refrain from commenting upon material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I regret that it is not possible to be of assistance to you, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files relating to the book you mentioned or its author.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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"The Faith of Free Men"

5 Excerpt from Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65, concerning CP, USA

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Oct. 24, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D. C.

John F. Kennedy

For the past year or two I been trying to do what all the politicians advise to become a good citizen. I've been reading about all the candidates & issues. I've been trying to become aware of new bills up before Congress and their meaning for our country.

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I trust you, I like to read what you say--I agree. I think you are one good man. So you have a responsibility to me and the rest of the people. Let us know publicly from your own lips what we are to believe. To you in Washington, I guess the rest of us seem terribly ignorant & we are.

So tell me--is there an Index nine? --Who put it out? Is it correct--are there communist known to the government working in key positions? What are the Birchers doing that's so wrong? Are books such as "None Dare Call it Treason?" correct in the facts? If not why doesn't someone sue them or expose the truth?

I know this isn't the best written or most intelligent letter, but if I take time to go over it--I won't send it. I like to be a part of the crowd & am uncomfortable because I'm fast becoming otherwise.

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[redacted]
Gainesville, Florida 32601
Dear [redacted]

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November 1, 1965

Your letter of October 22nd has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of my recent speech, which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 22, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am [redacted] at Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Florida. The history course I am taking this year is Problems of American Democracy. Each six weeks period we are required to do a research paper. This six weeks I have chosen to do mine on the John Birch Society.

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If you have any information on this topic I would appreciate you sending it to me. My address is:

[redacted]
Gainesville, Florida
32601

Thank you very much for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,

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November 3, 1965

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[REDACTED] B. APPROX. [REDACTED]

Racine, Wisconsin 53406

Dear [REDACTED]

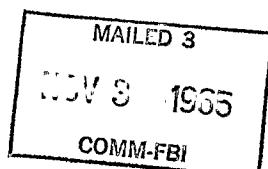
Your letter of October 30th has been received, and you may be sure the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Further, it is not possible for me to offer you the advice you are seeking.

Enclosed is a copy of my recent speech which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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October 30, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

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Some months ago, I wrote the John Birch Society in the hopes of getting some information as to how they stand. There's so much controversy that I wanted some material first hand from them on exactly what they believe. The society sent some so- data and an invitation to a meeting here in Racine which I rejected. Not only did I not attend but I never sent for any more literature nor did they send me any additional material. But something has been troubling me of late, and my question is this: Is the John Birch Society considered (by the F. B. I) a radical, extremist, dangerous organization to the welfare of the U. S. and should it be shunned? Would I be up against future incriminations in later life (I'm [Redacted] by having my name sent in to this society? I merely sent for information once, and that was it, but was that too much? If I am in a position where I might be in danger later on, is there anything that I can do about it now? Or, on the other hand, is there nothing evil to this organization? I would sincerely appreciate your reply so as to help me clear my mind of this situation. Thank you very much.

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With respect,

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Racine, Wis.

October 30, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

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November 3, 1965

[Redacted]
Lomax, Illinois 61454

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of October 27th, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of my recent speech which you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inclosed is an article from the Tuesday edition of the local newspaper.

After reading this article I feel the need to be informed in the right manner, concerning this article and its charges. Your office seemed to me to be the only source of truth!

As a minister, I feel a great responsibility to God and Country, and since I have within my parish some members who are of the John Birch society, I felt that I must know the truth and how to deal with this type of attack.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours

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LET'S QUIT KIDDING OURSELVES ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS!

THE UNITED NATIONS IS A COMMUNIST TOOL FOR CONQUERING THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT FIRING A SINGLE SHOT

READ THE FOLLOWING INDISPUTABLE TRUTH, THEN DECIDE FOR YOURSELF IF THE UN IS GOING TO SAVE YOU OR ENSLAVE YOU.

INDISPUTABLE TRUTH NO. 1

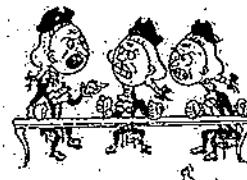
The UN was conceived by Communists.

Official United States documents list the following 17 men who were key government figures in the planning of the UN: Alger Hiss, Harry Dexter White, Virgilinus Frank Coe, Dean Acheson, Noel Field, Laurence Duggan, Henry Julian Whetstone, John Carter Vincent, David Welschraub, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Harold Glaser, Victor Perlo, Irving Kapian, Solomon Adler, Abraham H. Silverman, William L. Ullman and William H. Taylor.

Of these 17 men responsible for the structure of the UN, every single one except Dean Acheson has been identified in sworn testimony as a secret Communist agent!

An official UN pamphlet states the following: "It was the Communist party which showed the people of Russia the true way to free themselves from social and national oppression . . . The Soviet Union is a brotherhood of free and equal peoples."

Another official UN booklet, prepared for young children, has a cartoon which shows the founding fathers of the United States as three ugly and



grotesque creatures snarling at each other while a rat watches from the floor.

Still another official UN publication, "Toward World Understanding", emphasizes the theme that the government must replace the family. It stresses the importance of "freeing the child from and more from the family."

These are but three examples of the straight Communist Party line which is being promoted continually by the UN.

INDISPUTABLE TRUTH NO. 2

The UN is now and has always been controlled by Communists.

Of the 6,000 people employed in the UN Secretariat, many of whom are either Communists or Communist sympathizers. The three Secretaries-General of the UN, Trygve Lie, Dag Hammarskjold and U Thant, have all been outspoken Socialists who openly favor world socialism.

Alger Hiss and Russian Foreign Minister Molotov made a secret agreement that the head of the UN military staff would always be a Communist. To date there have been 8 different men appointed to this all-powerful post which controls the military, atomic energy and disarmament affairs of the UN. All 8 have been Communists, 7 from Russia and one from Yugoslavia.

INDISPUTABLE TRUTH NO. 3

The UN is a propaganda weapon of the Communists.

The UN does nothing to halt Communist aggression.

Since the founding of the UN, Communists have imprisoned over 750 million people behind the Iron Curtain by taking control of Albania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Manchuria, East Germany, China, Tibet, Northern Laos and Cuba.

Not once has the UN taken action to prevent the take-over of these countries and the mass murder and enslavement of their people by the Communists.

INDISPUTABLE TRUTH NO. 5

The UN acts in defense of Communism.

In Africa in 1960, President Tshombe of Katanga, a Christian and a supporter of democracy, declared that his province wanted to secede from the Communist-controlled Congo. UN Secretary-General Hammarskjold said: "This is an insolent political problem to which the UN as an organization cannot be a party."

But UN troops did enter Katanga in support of Congo's Communist Prime Minister Lumumba. These UN troops invaded unarmed civilians and Red Cross workers, committed rape, machine-gunned and looted civilian homes, bombed hospitals, and committed countless other atrocities in an unbelievable reign of terror.

During this period Lumumba said to his people: "Long live the Soviet Union. Long live Khrushchev." It was this man that the UN kept in power in the Congo.

INDISPUTABLE TRUTH NO. 6

The UN is a Communist tool for conquering the United States without firing a single shot.

An official Communist pamphlet titled "The United Nations" tells how they plan to use this organization to conquer the world. It lists 4 reasons why Communists should support the UN:

1. The veto will protect the USSR from the rest of the world.
2. The UN will frustrate an effective foreign policy of the major capitalist countries.
3. The UN will be an extremely helpful instrument in breaking up the colonial territories of non-Communist countries.
4. The UN will eventually bring about the amalgamation of all nations into a single Soviet system."

LET'S QUIT KIDDING OURSELVES
ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS!

The United Nations is a Communist Tool

for Conquering the United States
Without Firing a Single Shot.

The United States and not the UN offers the only hope for world peace. Without the United States, Communism would today control the entire world—and the UN would have done nothing to prevent it.

Communism—not nuclear weapons—is the greatest threat to our existence today. Communism is the enemy which promises to bury us. Communism is the enemy which forces us to maintain an arsenal of nuclear weapons for our own self-preservation.

And now we are asked to turn our military power, our judicial system, our very existence over to an organization dominated by these same Communists who have vowed to destroy our United States.

This is nothing but surrender!

Let's not surrender this wonderful country, the United States of America, which has been so aptly described as "The Last Best Hope on Earth." Not only our forefathers, but many of our children and grandchildren, fought and died to protect our freedoms. What a mockery it would be if we would now hand over these priceless freedoms to the Communists who dominate the UN.

Instead, we must demand an end to this Communist-controlled UN, which is a Communist tool for conquering the United States without firing a single shot!

DON'T BE MISLED BY STATEMENTS SUCH
AS THE FOLLOWING:

"The UN Favors Disarmament."

Yes, they want all nations to throw away their weapons. Then the UN army will have absolute control over all the world—including the United States.

And who will have control over the UN and its army? The Communists, of course. Just as they have had control every day since the UN was founded:

"The UN Favors Peace"

Yes, everyone does. And the UN paints grim pictures of the horrors of war. Yet they ignore the equally grim fact that people can die at the hands of a dictator as well as from atomic weapons. They ignore the millions of people who have been murdered by Communist governments since the UN was founded.

If our country surrenders its sovereignty to the UN, we won't have war. But we will be at the mercy of a Communist monster whose only goal is to dominate the world, and who doesn't care how many millions of people he must murder and enslave to reach this goal.

"The UN is Our Only Hope"

If the UN is our only hope, then we have no hope. We will abandon ourselves and our children to a society where the basic American concept of freedom under God is not even recognized. We will be at the mercy of men who have no mercy. We will be Communist slaves—or we will be dead.

Is this the choice you, or your children, want to have to make some day?

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